

#### Remarks

Applicant gratefully appreciates the Notice of Allowance which indicates that claims 1-7, 9-25 and 27-49 are allowed. Applicant respectfully requests, without withdrawing the application from issue, entry of the amendment to the claims presented hereinabove. Applicant has amended claim 10 to correct an error of a typographical nature.

#### Fee Statement

When compared to the original filing, the number of independent claims has remained the same and the total number of claims has decreased with respect to the present Amendment. Accordingly, Applicant believes no further fees are due for the filing of this Amendment. If any additional fees are due, or any overpayments have been made, please charge, or credit, our account (Deposit Account No. **08-0300**).

Conclusion

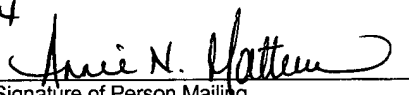
In view of the forgoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments to the claims presented hereinabove. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned for any reason that would advance the prosecution of the instant application.

Dated this **4th** day of October, 2004.

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